

The influx of illegal immigrants into the U.S. is a threat to our national security. Before we even consider comprehensive immigration reform, more must be done to secure our borders from illegal immigration. I support increasing our number of border patrol agents, constructing additional fencing along the Southern border, and outlining a more transparent approach for employers who are looking to hire seasonal workers.

I have previously introduced and passed legislation in the House of Representatives to prevent the hiring of illegal immigrants and make sure that American taxpayer dollars go towards American wages (National Bridge and Reconstruction Act of 2008). I have also worked directly with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to permanently station Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents in North Mississippi (August 2008).